



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes September 3, 2008

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, in the Council Chamber located at 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Suzanne Casey, Greta Connor, Barbara Lawther, Sean Meyers, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, and Bill Safrit

Absent: Connie Baker, Suzette Davis, Diane Gibbs, and Tom Wolpert

Staff: Councilman Mark Lewis, Diana Moghrabi and Lynn Raker

The minutes of the August 6, 2008, meeting were approved as submitted. The secretary will email the agenda and minutes in the future in order to save on paper and postage. If you require a hard copy, please advise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

- Greta Connor reported that the Neighborhoods & Education Committee did not meet since last month.
- There will be a fall meeting of the neighborhood leaders Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 4 p.m. at One Water Street.
- Jersey City would like to get their entrance signs as soon as possible. Mr. Donaldson spoke to Lynn Raker and Greta Connor.
- Livingstone College is implementing a beautification project. KKA Architecture is working with them on enhancing the campus.
- The leaf collection schedule will be included in the water bill inserts.
- Dan Mikkelsen will oversee the new code services division under Land Management and Development. He would like to address the CAC when the new division is created and positions are hired.
- The main post office is still in shabby condition. There is trash, loitering, and a need for landscape improvements. This is private property. Lynn met with postmaster during summer and will follow up discussion on landscaping and cleanup.

Art in Public Places

- Barbara Perry reported that the Wachovia parking lot project tile-making training workshop for 4th grade art teachers was successful. Students will participate in tile-making workshop in September and October. The brick for the project is currently being chosen.
- The annual sculpture show Web site is being created. They hope to install 12 pieces for this exhibit. The name will be *Salisbury Sculpture Show—Discover What's Outside*.

Landscaping

Lynn Raker reported that the Landscape of the Month (LOM) Committee has named 145 Majolica Road as the residential winner and the commercial winner as Wilco Hess gas station at 827 Jake Alexander Boulevard West. Suzanne Casey nominated 326 W. Bank Street as residential winner for October. Carrie Poole is the resident and Claudia Galup the owner. This will be good for October Tour. The October commercial winner is the Institute and Monroe Street entrance of Livingstone College. All agreed on the September and October residential and commercial winners. Barbara Lawther will contact the winners.

Diane Gibbs submitted a photographic archive of the LOM properties and thank you cards.

Grants

Two of the five applications submitted are for the Piedmont Players Family Theatre. The committee will meet at noon September 16 for a decision on allocations.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Raker presented photos of the East Innes Street plantings and other improvements. Salisbury was besieged with rain (about 8 inches) that caused flooding. The mulch washed away and a few shrubs did not survive. These will be replaced.

OLD BUSINESS

Lynn presented concept drawings for the E. Innes Street parking lot. The parking behind City Hall and behind the two Victorian cottages on Lee Street facing City Hall will also see improvements in the near future.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was a discussion about improving the downtown Christmas decorations. For several years people have considered that the current decorations would look better if the tinsel was removed. There has been a request to replace the City Park lake Christmas tree with a real tree. Barbara Perry will speak to Randy Hemann along with Barbara Lawther, Suzanne Casey and Sara Robinson. It was suggested that they explore using grant money for decorations. Barbara will invite Jon Planovsky to participate.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next regular CAC meeting will be October 1, 2008.